

1 From the foregoing detailed description, it will be evident
2 that there are a number of changes, adaptations and
3 modifications of the present invention which come within the
4 province of those persons having ordinary skill in the art
5 to which the aforementioned invention pertains. However, it
6 is intended that all such variations not departing from the
7 spirit of the invention be considered as within the scope
8 thereof as limited solely by the appended claims.

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10 The claims are:

11 1. A method of requesting and collecting information
12 from a network via an information account of a system,
13 comprising a plurality of steps of:

14 making a request by indicating a type of information to
15 be collected;

16 entering a duration in which the request is active.

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18 2. The method of claim 1, further comprising a step
19 of:

20 receiving in the information account a result obtained
21 from the network in response to the request.

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23 3. The method of claim 1, further comprising a step
24 of:

1 maintaining a record to capture the request and a
2 result obtained from the network in response to the request.

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4 4. The method of claim 3, further comprising a step
5 of:
6 determining an amount of result in the record.

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8 5. The method of claim 3, wherein a utility analyzes
9 behaviors of a requester making the request in view of the
10 record.

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12 6. The method of claim 1, further comprising a step
13 of:
14 determining an actual duration the request stayed
15 active.

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17 7. The method of claim 1, further comprising a step
18 of:
19 taking an action based on the result obtained from the
20 network in response to the request.

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22 8. The method of claim 7, further comprising a step
23 of:
24 categorizing the action taken after receipt of the
25 results.

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2 9. The method of claim 7, wherein the action is one
3 of made a purchase, not made a purchase, continued to make
4 the request, modified the request, purchased within a time
5 range and abandoned the request.

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7 10. The method of claim 1, further comprising a step
8 of:

9 inputting one of various levels of readiness to buy and
10 a purchase intentionality index.

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12 11. The method of claim 1, further comprising a step
13 of:

14 entering one of a usage intentionality index.

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16 12. The method of claim 11, further comprising a step
17 of:

18 determining whether to issue one of an electronic
19 refund and a coupon voucher based on one of the purchase
20 intentionality status, the purchased intentionality index
21 and the usage intentionality index.

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23 13. The method of claim 1, further comprising a step
24 of:

1 specifying one of a destination and a plurality of
2 destinations regarding where a result of the request is to
3 be delivered to.

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5 14. The method of claim 1, wherein an origin of where
6 the request is initiated from is insulated from the network.

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8 15. The method of claim 1, wherein the request
9 comprises a plurality of request parameters.

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11 16. The method of claim 1, wherein the duration is
12 preset for one of a future activation date and a future cut-
13 off date.

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15 17. The method of claim 1, further comprising a step
16 of:

17 specifying a time the request is made known to the
18 network.

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20 18. The method of claim 1, further comprising a step
21 of:

22 entering a quantity of information desired as expressed
23 in one of a fixed number and a range.

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1 19. The method of claim 1, further comprising a step
 2 of:
 3 entering a preferred method of transmission as
 4 expressed in a transmission rate.

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 6 20. The method of claim 1, further comprising a step
 7 of:
 8 entering a preferred method of transmission suitable
 9 for a particular type of receiving terminus.

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 11 21. The method of claim 1, further comprising a step
 12 of:
 13 entering a geographic region where the type of
 14 information is to be collected from.

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 16 22. The method of claim 1, further comprising a step
 17 of:
 18 specifying a certain promotional type which the type of
 19 information is to be collected from.

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 21 23. The method of claim 1, further comprising a step
 22 of:
 23 specifying a source of origin where the type of
 24 information is to be collected from.

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1 24. The method of claim 1, further comprising a step
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3 specifying the type of information must be collected
4 from a source accepting a certain transaction method.

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6 25. The method of claim 1, further comprising a step
7 of:

8 entering a delivery priority of the type of information
9 based on a plurality of terminus.

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11 26. The method of claim 15, further comprising a step
12 of:

13 ranking a plurality of results based on how close each
14 result matches the plurality of request parameters.

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16 27. The method of claim 15, further comprising a step
17 of:

18 entering a priority of delivery based on how well a
19 plurality of results matches the specified request
20 parameters.

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22 28. The method of claim 1, further comprising a step
23 of:

24 specifying a time the type of information should be
25 delivered to the information account.

1 33. The method of claim 1, wherein the duration is
2 measured in one of seconds, minutes, hours, days, weeks,
3 months, years, and a combination thereof.

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5 34. The method of claim 1, further comprising a step
6 of:
7 entering an update interval of the request.

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9 35. The method of claim 34, wherein the update
10 interval is measured in one of seconds, minutes, hours,
11 days, weeks, months, years, and a combination thereof.

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13 36. The method of claim 1, further comprising a step
14 of:
15 specifying a format of a result.

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17 37. The method of claim 36, wherein the format
18 comprises HTML/PIX, Video, Audio, Text, ASCII, TIFF, JPEG
19 and other formats used in the digital transmission of data.

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21 38. The method of claim 1, further comprising a step
22 of:
23 specifying whether a related subject of the type of
24 information is desired

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1 39. The method of claim 1, further comprising a step
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3 specifying whether the search should be conducted in
4 one of a public domain resource, a private domain resource,
5 and a combination thereof.

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7 40. The method of claim 39, further comprising a step
8 of:

9 taking payment information from a requester via one of
10 a micro-payment system, billing or credit card system.

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12 41. The method of claim 1, further comprising a step
13 of:

14 receiving a result of the requested type of information
15 in the account in a specified format at a specified update
16 interval within the duration the request is active, in a
17 quantity desired and according to a priority and a
18 preference.

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20 42. The method of claim 1, wherein the method is
21 implemented on one of an instant messaging utility, a
22 wireless messaging utility (WAP or other), an electronic
23 mail utility, a paging utility, a facsimile utility, a voice
24 mail utility, a bulletin board utility, a printer utility, a
25 browser utility, a cable utility, a satellite utility, a

1 digital broadcast utility, a television system utility, a
2 web-TV utility and an Internet utility.

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4 43. The method of claim 1, wherein the request is
5 transmitted via one of a 2-way addressable television
6 system, or a hybrid system where download is via a broadband
7 signal and upload is via telephone, a cable system, an
8 Internet system, an Intranet system, a satellite system, a
9 Web-TV system and a digital broadcast system, a local area
10 network and a wide area network.

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12 44. The method of claim 1, wherein the method is
13 implemented on a computer system in one of an always active
14 mode and a launched upon request mode.

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16 45. The method of claim 1, wherein the method is
17 integrated as a request utility as part of one of a web site
18 and a portal.

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20 46. The method of claim 1, wherein a requester's
21 identity is concealed from an origin providing a result
22 relevant to the request.

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24 47. The method of claim 1, further comprising a step
25 of:

1 designating automatic forwarding of requested
2 informational/advertising e-mails to one of a single party,
3 a plurality of parties, an existing carbon copy (cc) list,
4 and a newly created distribution list of e-mail recipients.

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6 48. The method of claim 1, further comprising a step
7 of:

8 paying for a result relevant to the request by one of a
9 micro-payment, billing, and credit card system.

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11 49. The method of claim 1, wherein the system captures
12 a requester behavior with respect to a result delivered to
13 the requester.

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15 50. The method of claim 49, wherein the requester
16 behavior comprises opening the result, saving the result,
17 deleting the result, forwarding the result, responding to
18 the result, making a purchase transaction via email in
19 response to the result, registering for any offer in
20 response to the result and archiving the result.

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22 51. The method of claim 1, wherein should the request
23 fail to specify any preferences or request criteria, default
24 preferences or request criteria are imposed by the system.

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1 52. The method of claim 51, wherein the default
2 preferences or request criteria are based on one of an
3 average preferences or request criteria of the account in
4 the type of information, an average preferences or request
5 criteria of the overall account, an average preferences or
6 request criteria of the system in the type of information,
7 and an average preferences or request criteria of the
8 overall system.

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10 53. The method of claim 1, wherein a result of the
11 request can only reach the account with one of a digital
12 key, a certificate for permitted access and a password
13 recognized by a lookup table.

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15 54. A communication system, comprising:
16 a subscriber system;
17 a supplier system;
18 an information memory system;
19 an information exchange system;
20 a clearinghouse system; and
21 a network;
22 wherein the subscriber system, the supplier system, the
23 information memory system, the information exchange system;
24 the clearinghouse system are interconnected through the
25 network.

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2 55. The communication system of claim 54, wherein data
3 of the system are intercommunicated among the subscriber
4 system, the supplier system, the information memory system,
5 the information exchange system, the clearinghouse system
6 and the network.

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8 56. The communication system of claim 54, wherein a
9 subscriber account communicatively connected to the
10 subscriber system makes a request of information having a
11 specified characteristic to the subscriber system.

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13 57. The communication system of claim 56, wherein a
14 supplier account communicatively connected to the supplier
15 system provides a supply of information having an indicated
16 characteristic.

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18 58. The communication system of claim 57, wherein the
19 information exchange system upon finding a match between the
20 specified characteristic and the indicated characteristic,
21 causes the communication system to transfer the supplied
22 information to the subscriber account.

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1 59. The communication system of claim 58, wherein the
2 information exchange system informs the clearinghouse system
3 that the request of information has been fulfilled.

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5 60. The communication system of claim 59, wherein the
6 clearinghouse system registers a charge against the
7 subscriber account.

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9 61. The communication system of claim 54, wherein the
10 network is one of a local area network, a wide area network
11 or an Internet.

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13 62. The communication system of claim 58, wherein the
14 match is one of an exact match and a varying degree of
15 match.

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17 63. The communication system of claim 56, wherein the
18 request of information having the specified characteristic
19 is communicated to a plurality of supplier correspondingly
20 having a plurality of supplier accounts communicatively
21 connected to the supplier system.

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23 64. A communication system, comprising:
24 a dynamic request data system is communicatively
25 connected to an Internet;

1 an information control panel is communicatively
2 connected to the dynamic request data system;
3 an email account is communicatively connected to the
4 dynamic request data system;
5 an information supplier system is communicatively
6 connected to the dynamic request data system;
7 wherein the dynamic request data system upon receiving
8 a request via the information control panel, initiates a
9 search in one of the internet and the information supplier
10 system and delivers information fulfilling the request to
11 the email account.

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